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Plaintiff,)
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v.) **ORDER**
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WORLD PROGRAMMING LIMITED)
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Defendant.)

Because the documents sought to be sealed do not relate to a dispositive motion, they are subject to a common law right of access by the public. *See Stone v. Univ. of Md. Med. Sys. Corp.*, 855 F.2d 178 (4th Cir. 1988). This common law right of access may only be overcome by demonstrating that “countervailing interests heavily outweigh the public interest in access.” *Virginia Dep’t of State Police v. Washington Post*, 386 F.3d 567, 575 (4th Cir. 2004) (quoting *Rushford v. New Yorker Magazine, Inc.*, 846 F.2d 249, 253 (4th Cir. 1988)).

The materials sought to be sealed include confidential and competitively sensitive business information. The Court finds the justification behind sealing this information heavily outweighs the public interest in access, particularly in light of no objection from the public, the fact that the public has not already had access to the information contained in the records, and disclosure of the documents would not enhance the public's understanding of an important historical event.

SO ORDERED, this 4th day of September, 2015.



Louise Woods Flanagan
U.S. District Court Judge